does not prepare text books. However, as a regular activity, National Council of Educational Research and Training revises and publishes text books, on all subjects, based on the curriculum revision carried out from time to time.

FPI proposals in Bihar

†*248. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Governnment have any plan to establish food processing industry in Bihar keeping in view the production of potato in Nalanda and litchi in Vaishali; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Food Processing Industries does not set up food processing industries on its own. The Ministry is implementing a Plan Scheme under which financial assistance in the form of grant is provided for setting up food processing industries and their modernisation and technological upgradation. Assistance is provided to private industries, public sector undertakings, non-governmental organisations, cooperatives etc. for technically feasible and financially viable projects. Food processing units using potato and litchi as raw material base also qualify for such assistance.

Ultrasonic Flaw Detection Test for tracks

*249. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the introduction of new trains is adversely effecting the rail safety;

(b) whether it is also a fact that due to increased rail traffic there is absolutely no time for track maintenance and Ultrasonic Flaw Detection Test, to look for fractures, thus contributing towards increasing railway accidents; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) if so, what steps are being taken to check the alarming situation in the interest of safety of passengers, rolling stock, tracks, etc.?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise. However, safety is an important concern of Indian Railways and several steps are taken by Railways to ensure safe rail travel.

Foreign Direct Investment in Education Sector

*254. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to open Elementary Education Sector to Foreign Direct Investment;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have set up any Committee to examine the subject;

(d) if so, recommendation made by the Committee; and

(e) reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) Proposals of Foreign Direct Investment in the education sector are being examined on case by case basis.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Joint ventures in milk production

*255. SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to allow joint